Dear Families,

As stated on Friday, SCHOOL are offering supports to students and staff in response to the tragic death of STUDENT NAME . Students were told of the event in period 1, and a quiet room has been open all day for students who are needing that service. Counsellors are working with affected youth, and we continue to look for ways to support all students.

On DAY AND TIME, we will have a Memory Event at SCHOOL to pay our respects and say goodbye to NAME as a school community. The expectation is that this event is only for the SCHOOL community. It will be brief, and students will have the opportunity to debrief after they return to class. The quiet room will be available, and extra counsellors will be on site. As well, the family is organizing a memorial for the family and friends of NAME and we will share that information when it becomes available.

We will continue to monitor students in the coming days and weeks to ensure supports are in place for those identified as struggling. If you feel your child requires support, please contact the school and we will assign a counsellor. We have also included some community resources that you may wish to access.

Each of our High Schools has a Discovery Youth and Family Services Counsellor attached to the school as well as School Based Counsellors and Youth & Family Counsellors to support our students. Discovery’s focus is on supporting students with substance use and their services can be accessed through the school or directly. We have included their contact information on the attachment to this email, should you feel your child would benefit from connecting with them. The handout also includes signs to identify if a youth may need professional help.

Lastly, we have also included information titled ‘Let’s Talk About Drugs’. There are local resources in this pamphlet as well as tips to begin the conversation with your child about substance use.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family in this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

The SCHOOL Student Services Team